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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Comptroller
Director of Finance
Chief, Administrative Law Division/OGC

FROM: [   ] Legislation Division   STAT
Office of Congressional Affairs

SUBJECT: Federal Debt Collection Procedures

1. The Omnibus Antidrug Abuse Act of 1988, S. 2205, was recently introduced in the Senate. Section 1905 of the bill is a provision establishing an Undersecretary of the Treasury for Debt Collection and Credit Management. This person would have the authority to review Federal agencies' credit management and debt collection plans and policies and to require them to submit detailed, comprehensive records regarding debt status and collection efforts by program, project or activity. A summary of this information would be provided annually to the Congress. The agencies would have to comply with comprehensive debt collection and management plans, which would be transmitted to the Congress as well as to the Comptroller General. There is an exemption for executive agencies "specifically exempted from Federal control by other statutory authority," but it is unclear to what extent this provision would apply to the Agency. There are other provisions regarding meeting debt collection targets and sanctions for failure to meet them.

2. Although the bill has only recently been introduced and no action has yet been scheduled, it is quite possible that it will move quickly. We ask that you review section 1905 of the bill to determine to what extent it poses Agency-unique problems. You may telephone your response to me on [   ]   STAT

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